Allocation for Special Purpose Tea Fund

4446. SHRI S.K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any allocation for the Special Purpose Tea Fund has been announced;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An outlay of Rs. 567.10 crore has been provided for this scheme. The scheme will be implemented in the XIth Plan with a spill over in the first 3 years of XIIth Plan.

Import of American motorbikes

†4447. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and America have entered into an agreement recently under which import of American motorbikes and export of Indian mango has been approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any offer for import of other items was also made to India apart from motorbikes;

(d) if so, the names of such items; and

(e) the reasons for approving import of American motorbikes under said agreement by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (e) No, Sir. No such agreement has been entered into. However, based on discussions in the India-US

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Trade Policy Forum, where issues of bi-lateral trade interest are considered, import of motorcycles having engine capacity of over 800 cc meeting Euro III emission norms has been permitted into India while the United States have allowed import of mangoes from India.

Increase in share of business sector in GDP

†4448. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that share of business sector in Gross Domestic Product in the country increased during 2000 to 2006 continuously;

(b) if so, the rate of average annual increase during the above period;

(c) whether the percentage of profit in the said sector also increased alongwith expansion of this sector; and

(d) if so, the likely percentage in average annual profit likely to increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Separate data on the share of business sector in GDP is not available with Central Statistical Organization (CSO). However, data available on contribution of organized sector in the Net Domestic Product (NDP) indicates that the share of organized sector has increased from 39.6 per cent in 2000-01 to 42.0 per cent in 2004-05.

(b) The average annual growth rate of organized sector during 2000-01 to 2004-05 was 11.2 per cent.

(c) and (d) The share of operating surplus (which consists of rent, interest and profits) in the NDP increased from 37.4 per cent in 2000-01 to 46.2 per cent in 2004-05.

Review of iron ore export policy

4449. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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